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EVENTS

CSBG ARRA Progress & Voluntary Reporting Webinar

Thursday, June 3; 2:00 pm EST

For the first part of this webinar, NASCSP will share ideas for utilizing CSBG ARRA funds during the remaining grant period on appropriate and allowable activities. The second part of the webinar will be a review of the CSBG ARRA voluntary reporting forms, to be released soon. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

Program helps homeless find their footing

Boston Globe

Last year at this time, Karl Holden was downing a 12-pack a day and struggling to find work and a place to stay. One night in August it almost came to an end. After a night of drinking, Holden, a Worcester native, led a Connecticut State Trooper on a high-speed chase that led to his arrest. [Learn more...](#)

Percentage of high-poverty schools rises

By Christine Armario

The percentage of public schools where more than three quarters of students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch - a key indicator of poverty - has increased in the past decade, and children at these schools are less likely to attend college or be taught by teachers with advanced degrees. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Low-Skill Workers' Access to Quality Green Jobs

Urban Institute

"Green jobs" have garnered attention and support from many circles. This brief discusses strategies for improving access to green jobs for low-skill individuals, particularly jobs that can improve workers' economic standing and better support families. To understand where green jobs for low-skill individuals can be found, we review green industries and occupations and what they pay. Next we identify "good" green jobs that pay enough to support employees' families. Finally we discuss how training for green jobs can equip low-skill workers with needed skills, recommend how to improve these training efforts, and detail examples of innovative programs. [Learn more...](#)

Life after Prison: Tracking the Experiences of Male Prisoners Returning to Chicago, Cleveland, and Houston

Urban Institute

This research brief describes the experiences of 652 male prisoners in Illinois, Ohio, and Texas, who participated in the Urban Institute's

longitudinal study of prisoner reentry, *Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry*. The men were surveyed shortly before release from prison and interviewed two times following their release-at two and seven months after release. This research brief describes characteristics of the men and their reentry experiences-including program participation, housing, family relationships, substance use, employment, reoffending, and reincarceration. The brief also summarizes findings from previous *Returning Home* reports regarding predictors of reintegration outcomes. [Learn more...](#)

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